the months of September and October, 1987, the total number of complaints received on account of inadequate information to the passengers was 14.

(c) The existing facilities regarding dissemination of information to the travelling public, like manning of information desk, telephones and other communication facilities are being improved constantly.

Nation-wide Business net work

2668. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a proposal for nation-wide business net work; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal envisage setting up of the following networks:—

(1) Satellite-based Low Speed Business Data Network.

This Network will provide the telex, message and interactive data communication facilities at speeds of 300 to 1200 bits per second, using sate-lite technology. The Network is basically designed to provide effective communication facilities from various industrial units and project sites in remote and rural areas to their respective headquarters. It can, however, be used for providing reliable service in other areas also.

(2) Packet Switched Data Network

This Network will provide the capability of high speed data transmission between computers as well as inter-active access from telex, Public Switched Telephone Network and data terminals to such computers. It will also provide for electronic mail.

The Network will also have access from the satellite-based low speed' business data network mentioned at (i) above.

(3) Business Subscriber Network for voce & Data.

This Network will consist of a few strategically located switching centres, capable of handling both voice and data interconnected by reliable long distance media. This Network is designed to provide voice, data, telex, facsimile, videotex and electronic mail services and to divert the high traffic of business subscribers from the normal network.

(4) Cellular Radio Telephone Net work.

This Network will provide radio based access from moblie/fixed subscriber terminals. While on the one hand it will provide the capability of mobile service. In fixed service applications it will eliminate the problems of underground cable network.

Four Language Formula for Encouraging study of Sanskrit

2669. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether with a *view* to encourage study of Sanskrit Government propose to replace three language formula by four language formula as a part of New Education Policy; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) (a) No, Sir. As enunciated in the National Policy on Education 1986,

the three language formula is the policy of the Government on teaching of languages in schools. There is no proposal to change this policy.

(b) Does not arise.

Grant of National Permits

2670. SHRI N. RAJANGAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the practice of granting National permits in general to all categories of Contract Carriers (Tourist Bus Operators) which was in force upto 1982 had since been dispensed with;

(b) what is the number of National Permits issued to Scheduled Castes since 1982;

(c) whether Government propose to revoke the concellation orders and resume issue of National permits to all categories of contract carriers and if so, by when; and

(d) what is the number of national permits proposed to be allotted both in general and Scheduled Castes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT); (a) National Permits for Tourist bus operators, popularly known as all-India Tourist Permits for buses and cabs are granted by State Transport Authorities in terms of Section 63(7) of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939. There has been no change in the policy. Under Section 63(7), the number of permits that a State Government/ Union Territory can issue is 50 in respect of each states and Union Territory of Delhi and 25 each in respect of other Union Territories.

(b) The information is being collected.

(c) and (d) The question do not arise.

Closing down of PCOs manned by Physically Handicapped

2671. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to close down the public telephone booths managed by the physically handicapped persons, and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The question does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

DTC Bus service between Ajmtri. Gate and Gurgaon

2672. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA; Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no D.T.C. bus service between Ajmeri Gate and Gurgaon after 7.00 p.m.;

(b) whether Government propose to start the last trip on the round upto 11.00 p.m. and extend the route upto I.S.B.T.. via Kendriya Terminal, Regal, I.T.O.;

(c) whether D.T.C. propose to start bus services from Dhaula Kuan and Regal to Gurgaon; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sr.

(b) and (c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.